

HUGHES SLIGHTLY IN LEAD AS FIGHT FOR PRESIDENCY NARROWS

Outcome of Contest Which Has Proved Hottest Political Struggle of Generation Rests Upon Results In Doubtful States, and May Be Decided By Votes of Guardsmen On Duty Along the Line of the Mexican Frontier

While the returns as they were received last night are still inconclusive they have a decidedly Hughes tinge.

So close are the counts running, with a practical certainty now that Hughes will carry Minnesota and thus offset California, should it go for Wilson, that it appears that the presidential results will be decided by some of the minor States, while in some of these States the voting has been so even that it is not outside of the realm of probability that their electoral college votes will be cast as the few national guardsmen on the border have voted, yet to be determined.

The last California returns lead to the possibility that that State will yet be found on the Republican side again. The precincts yet to be heard from are either Southern California or backwoods districts of the north, in both of which sections the early returns were in favor of Hughes.

Should Hughes carry both California and Minnesota he will be elected with an estimated electoral college vote of 272, a majority of six. Should Wilson carry both these States eventually he would have a majority of fifteen. His chances of carrying Minnesota appear to have vanished, however, while Hughes' chances in California are brightening.

The final results should be known by this afternoon or early evening.

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NEW YORK, November 9—At midnight last night the election returns in the presidency showed that Charles E. Hughes had a shade better than an even chance to win by a majority in the electoral college of from two to six votes.

It appeared certain that Hughes had two hundred and thirty-nine votes to Wilson's two hundred and thirty-two, leaving sixty votes in doubt.

The doubtful States are California with thirteen votes, Minnesota with twelve, West Virginia with eight, North Dakota with five, Idaho with four, Nebraska with eight, Oregon with five and Washington with seven.

GUARDSMEN TO DECIDE

The final count in Minnesota is so close that the officials refuse to declare the State anything but doubtful until it is possible to count and tabulate the votes of the twenty-five hundred Minnesota national guardsmen on the border. The last returns from the State showed Hughes leading with a total of 163,088 to Wilson's 162,285.

At noon yesterday the vote for Wilson, so far as the count had gone, gave him 12,000 majority. As the returns from the outlying farming districts came in, the Wilson majority was melted away, until the lead was cut down to 600, with 800 precincts still to hear from. The returns continued to favor Hughes until the close, when Hughes led by 803, with the militiamen's vote to be tabulated.

In all probability, as the guardsmen voted so the State with its twelve electoral college votes will go. The guardsmen's vote may determine whether Wilson or Hughes is to be the next President.

CALIFORNIA STILL WILSON'S

The advantage in California swung to and fro during the day, with the count at three o'clock this morning standing: Hughes 431,866; Wilson, 435,909. At this time there were 812 precincts out of a total of 5917 to hear from.

There are yet one hundred Los Angeles precincts undetermined, with the San Francisco vote practically complete. The Los Angeles returns have been consistently favoring Hughes, while the San Francisco vote has been for Wilson.

ROWELL SEEMS CERTAIN

There are lacking in these figures only seven San Francisco precincts. That city gave Wilson a majority of 14,467, out of a total vote of 140,706. This result is surprisingly close to a prediction made earlier in the day by Chester Rowell, the Republican state campaign manager, who announced that San Francisco would go for Wilson by 15,000, that Los Angeles would give Hughes a majority of 23,000 and that Hughes would carry the State by a small majority.

Rowell based his prediction, he said, on the fact that the returns from the missing Los Angeles precincts will probably wipe out the lead Wilson now has and that the other outside districts are all favoring the Republican nominee. He is certain that California will give its electoral vote to Hughes, which, if his lead in Minnesota be maintained, will elect him.

CHANGES EVERY HOUR

At midnight Wilson was leading in the count in California, Minnesota, Nebraska, New Mexico and Washington. At two o'clock the Democratic advantages in Minnesota and New Mexico had been worn down and Hughes had secured small leads.

In west Virginia Hughes led during the day, while in North Dakota the lead swung from Hughes to Wilson, the latest total announced being: Wilson, 48,297; Hughes, 46,844. The West Virginia vote stood, with 1235 precincts out of 1713 heard from: Hughes, 105,740; Wilson, 103,773.

SURE FOR WILSON

Idaho will give its votes to Wilson by a plurality of ten thousand. Colorado and Kansas are certain for Wilson, the Democratic lead announced yesterday having been increased in each State during the returns of the night.

SURE FOR HUGHES

Delaware is for Hughes, final returns showing that the State has gone Republican by the narrow majority of 806.

A still narrower majority for Hughes is that given him in New Hampshire, where the State was declared Republican with only one hundred and sixty-one votes to spare. This margin is so narrow and the value of the four electoral college votes so great at this critical

P. and O. Steamer Unwarned Sent To Doom By Diver

Big Liner Attacked and Two of Her Crew Killed But Passengers Are Reported Saved; Washington Grows Anxious

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

WASHINGTON, November 9—The sinking of the P. & O. liner Arabia without warning by a Teutonic submarine torpedo in the Mediterranean Sea yesterday, reports of which reached this city from London, following the announcement made by the British admiralty, caused profound impression in official circles despite the absorption of everybody in the national political situation, for there is a strong possibility that the action of the submarine commander may result in the reopening of the whole submarine controversy.

State department officials last night admitted that they are anxiously awaiting the arrival of fuller details of the affair, and data regarding the nationality of passengers on board the ill-fated vessel. Should it prove that some of the passengers were American it is probable that no official notice will be paid to the incident, but if it is found upon investigation that there were Americans on the Arabia when she was sunk, the department is prepared to take immediate steps to thoroughly probe the matter and learn whether the Teutonic captain violated the pledge of his government.

Two engineers were killed. Four hundred and thirty-seven passengers, including 199 women and children, were rescued. Another dispatch says that the American-Hawaiian steamer Columbian was sent out on "S. O. S." saying that she was being shelled by a submarine.

NEW YORK, November 8—The steamer Columbian is under charter to the French Canadian Steamship Company. She discharged her cargo at St. Nazaire and continued to Genoa with a cargo of iron and steel.

CALIFORNIA DRY BEATEN AT POLLS

Both Prohibition Amendments Appear To Have Lost By Heavy Figures

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

SAN FRANCISCO, November 9—Both prohibition amendments appear to have been beaten by substantial majorities. The count last night at midnight, complete as to 5105 precincts out of 5917 in the State, gave results as follows: Amendment No. 1—Yes, 81,499; no, 402,015. Amendment No. 2—Yes, 202,394; no, 356,135.

Los Angeles, which it was expected, would go strongly in favor of the prohibition amendments, is giving small majorities against them. In 701 city and county precincts the vote stood: No. 1—Yes, 72,255; no, 82,762; No. 2, yes, 74,943; no, 87,300.

At six o'clock last night the exhausted inspectors could not keep up with their work, and the ballots were locked up and the officials went home to sleep. The count will be resumed this morning.

DRY MAKE STRIDES

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

CHICAGO, November 8—Prohibition has made great strides by yesterday's election.

The manager of the National Prohibition campaign said today that returns indicate that Michigan, South Dakota, Nebraska and Montana have gone 'dry' and we saved Arkansas from going back into the 'wet' column.

"The election of Simon Bamberger, running as a Democratic Progressive for governor of Utah, is a factor for us. He favors prohibition and this means prohibition for the state by statute."

Arkansas retained prohibition by a vote of 3 to 1.

In Washington two initiative amendments to let down the bars in this dry State to intoxicating liquors were overwhelmingly defeated. One proposed the manufacture and sale of beer to be delivered to consumers in unbroken packages. The other proposed permitting the sale of liquor by hotels to its guests.

HUGHES STANDS STRAIN OF CONTEST SPLENDIDLY

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

NEW YORK, November 9—Hughes is silent as to the results, declining emphatically to make any predictions as to the final outcome of the desperately close contest. He is in good physical condition, having stood the strain of the campaign and the anxiety of the past two days in excellent shape.

Yesterday he motored with his daughters and bade them farewell on their departure back to Wellesley.

political time that the Democratic state committee has announced that it will apply for a recount.

STATES IN DOUBT

In North Dakota, at midnight, the results were in doubt. Wilson was leading with a vote of 48,297 to 46,844 for Hughes.

Washington showed a lead for Wilson of 7281, with 1659 precincts out of a total of 2835 yet to be reported. The vote at midnight stood: Wilson 123,837; Hughes, 116,557.

The returns from Wyoming were still incomplete at midnight with the vote close and leaning towards Wilson.

SELECTION BOARD FOR NAVY NAMED BY THE SECRETARY

Admiral Mayo Will Be Active Chairman of Recently Created Body

ORGANIZATION WILL MEET FIRST EARLY IN DECEMBER

Has Power To Select Officers Best Fitted For Command of Important Posts

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

WASHINGTON, November 9—Secretary of the Navy Daniels last night announced the personnel of the naval selection board, which he was authorized to name and organize under the recently enacted Naval Bill. This board will have the power to select the officers the members believe best fitted for senior commands, irrespective of seniority.

Admiral Henry T. Mayo will be chairman of the board, with Vice Admiral Coffman, and Rear Admirals Fechteler, Gleaves, Knight, Fisher, Fletcher, McLean and Grant. The first meeting of the board of selection will meet here on December 2.

The Service papers appear to think this board will be unpopular. Discussing it, in a recent issue, the Army and Navy Journal, unusually well informed says:

"Although congress willingly provided for selection in the Navy, it is doubtful whether this principle will be popular on Capitol Hill when it is carried into effect next December. In some quarters it is believed that the enforcement of the provisions of the personnel legislation with regard to selection will be as unpopular in congress as was the pecking board."

"The test will come when the first nomination under the selection system is sent to the senate in December. If the selecting out board should jump a number of popular officers in its recommendations there will be a storm of protest coming from congress. The fact that the selecting out board is composed of high ranking officers of unquestioned integrity will have no effect upon congress. Your average congressman is prone to believe that officers of the Navy are governed by prejudice and he has no conception of the standards of the Service."

"It has become apparent that the extension of the age of retirement from sixty-two to sixty-four years is working a great injustice to some of the most efficient captains in the Navy. Current reports have it that at least one rear admiral will make an application for retirement on account of the extension of the time for retirement. It has been suggested that the law be amended so that officers can be retired at the age of sixty-two, but may at the discretion of the war department, be kept on active duty until they are sixty-four years of age."

The detail of Capt. C. S. Williams from near the top of the list of captains as chief of staff to Vice Admiral De Witt Coffman, second in command of the Atlantic Fleet, is the inauguration of a policy by which captains and rear admirals are to serve in this capacity.

"In the navy department the chief of staff is regarded as an understudy for the commanders. These details will be used in giving officers an opportunity to qualify for higher commands and will be an important part of the system of promotion by selection. Incidentally the detail of Captain Williams will bring about the application of Comdr. O. P. Jackson, U. S. N., chief of staff of the Atlantic Fleet, for shore duty, and it is doubtful whether he will care to remain in his present position with a higher ranking officer serving in the same capacity below him."

GRAND JURY MEMBERS MAKE WILEI A VISIT

Investigation of Issei began yesterday afternoon when, at two o'clock, the members of the territorial grand jury visited the restricted district for a glimpse of "the lay of the land," as one member put it.

The main purpose of the grand jury was to ascertain the position of the factories in their relation to proximity to the district in question. It is understood that the grand jury will appoint a committee from among its members to study the night conditions there.

Inasmuch as the problem is a vital one, involving many complex points to be studied, it is not likely that the grand jury will be in a position to make a report to Judge Ashford for a week or two to come.

CLAIM AND COUNTER CLAIM COME FAST

Chester Rowell Calls California Republican Which Bourbon Leaders Flatly Deny

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

Various claims and counter-claims were made during the day by the political leaders. Some of them are already shown to have been premature. Some of the messages sent and the predictions made are:

SAN FRANCISCO—Chester Rowell, the Republican State chairman, early this afternoon claims that the returns show Hughes has carried the State by 1000 to 8000.

Chairman Cushing, of the Democratic state committee, says: "The count continues to increase the confidence that California has gone for Wilson." NEW YORK—Robert Woolley, the Democratic publicity manager, told Secretary Taft that he called the President to his assertion on California, Minnesota and West Virginia, which states, he declared, on latest returns are sure for Wilson.

Democratic Chairman McCormick this afternoon said: "We congratulate the country on Wilson's victory. He is sure of at least 288 electoral votes." He congratulated the President by telephone.

On the other hand, Democratic Chairman McCormick said: "The finish will show that Wilson has more than 100 electoral votes."

CHARLESTOWN, West Virginia—Senator Chilton, of West Virginia, has telegraphed to the President at Long Branch: "Congratulations. You carry West Virginia. We will guard it and see that you get it."

FATE OF AMERICANS WORRIES UNCLE SAM

Fears Felt Villa Has Murdered Residents of Parral

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

EL PASO, November 9—Military authorities here are admittedly much worried over the possible fate of Americans known to have been in the city of Parral at the time it fell into the hands of the Villa bandits. In view of the threats to murder all Americans they captured and the well-known willingness of the Villistas to carry that threat into execution the silence regarding the Americans in Parral is regarded as ominous. Efforts are being made to ascertain what has become of them. A report from Chihuahua City says that Edgar Koch, German consular agent at Parral, has been either killed or held a prisoner by Villa bandits in the vicinity of Santa Rosalia.

BELGIANS PROTEST TO NEUTRAL LANDS

Denounce Deportation of Nationals To Work Teuton Factories

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

HAVRE, France, November 9—The Belgian government here yesterday decided to file a formal protest with the German government against the action of the German invaders of Belgium in deporting Belgians and forcing them to labor in German military factories, where they are compelled to work at tasks repugnant to them as Belgians. They have also been compelled to labor on the German military works at Verdun. It is declared that between 15,000 and 16,000 Belgians, as well as many French civilians, have been driven to this form of labor between October 13 and October 24.

HIRAM JOHNSON WINS TOGA BY BIG VOTE

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

SAN FRANCISCO, November 8—Governor Johnson, running for United States senator on the Republican ticket, has 221,350 votes to 104,451 for George Patton, his Democratic opponent.

PUBLIC INVITATION TO ALL MEMBERS OF HAWAIIAN SOCIETIES TO RECEPTION

The president, officers and members of every Hawaiian society on Oahu are publicly invited to the Kalaheua Day reception and ball, to be given on the evening of Thursday, November sixteenth at nine o'clock at the national guard armory. Notice is called to the fact that every Hawaiian is expected to wear the insignia of his or her society, as no one will be permitted to enter who is not in full dress.

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LOW PROTESTS AT FILTHY STATE OF QUEEN STREET

But Little Done To Keep Clean "Richest Thoroughfare In City" He Tells Board of Supervisors

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

Eben Low, superintendent of the Oahu Shipping Company, was in a merry mood when he appeared before the board of supervisors last night to protest against the filthy condition of Queen Street in the neighborhood of Pier 15.

According to "Rawhide Ben" little is done to keep clean what he called the richest street in the city, richest he explained in the amount of traffic that passes over it and in the fact that practically every tourist first sees that thoroughfare.

"The condition down there is abominable," said Low. "The White Wings seldom get down that far. The filth from the sampans and the fish baskets is indescribable. When the wind blows the dust covers everything and some of the finest meats that come to Honolulu are covered with filth while being taken from the wharf. The fire department used to flush this street every week. I would be glad if the supervisors would give orders to have this done."

The board promised to have the health committee look into the matter.

NEW LONDONERS FETE CREW OF SUBMARINE

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

NEW LONDON, November 9—The citizens of this city last night gave Capt. Richard Koenig, commander of the famous freighter and submarine Deutschland, a banquet. The captain was presented with a handsome watch, and the members of his crew with gold fountain pens and match cases. It is understood that the submarine will leave here Friday morning. Unofficial rumors have been circulating to the effect that the German submarine U-57 is but a short distance outside the neutral waters off this coast.

GRANDDAUGHTER HAS FIRST CALL FRIDAY

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

LONG BRANCH, November 9—The Presidency may be his or it may be the prize of Mr. Hughes, but his granddaughter he is sure of. Therefore, whatever be the final outcome of the vote counting now going on feverishly in seven or eight doubtful States, the President will leave on Friday for Wilmamstown, Massachusetts, where Baby Sayre is to be christened.

On Sunday night the President and Mrs. Wilson will return to the White House.

The President last night stated that he was quite confident that he had been re-elected.

LIEUTENANTS KILLED

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

WASHINGTON, November 8—Lieutenants Luther Welch and C. K. Bronson, United States Navy, were killed today at the Indian Head, Maryland, proving grounds by the premature explosion of an airplane bomb which they were testing. The bomb was designed for use against warships.

HOUSE MAY DECIDE

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

NEW YORK, November 8—It is rumored here that on account of the sectional closeness of the presidential fight a decision will eventually be thrown to the house of representatives.

BOURBON LEADS RACE

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

DENVER, November 8—Julius C. Gunter, Democratic candidate for governor, was leading Governor George A. Carlson, Republican, by incomplete returns tabulated at midnight last night.

AGED PORTUGUESE HANGS HIMSELF IN HIS GARDEN

Sick and despondent, Damiao Madeiros, an aged Portuguese ended his life early yesterday morning by hanging himself from a tree in the yard of his home at Queen Street and Kalia extension. The body will be buried in the Catholic cemetery this afternoon. Madeiros leaves a wife and children. He was eighty-six years old. Deputy Sheriff Ash who was summoned to cut down the body will conduct an inquest over the body this morning.

Wilcox Asserts His Belief In Victory

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

NEW YORK, November 9—Chairman Wilcox, of the Republican national campaign committee, issued a statement last night in which he said: "I have every reason to believe that Mr. Hughes has been elected, and Mr. Hughes is also confident of this. We ask only what we are entitled to, and that we propose to have."

AUSTRIANS IN FIERCE DRIVE WINGROUND IN TRANSYLVANIA

Vienna Claims To Have Taken Back Once More All Positions Lost By Last Big Rally of the Troops Under King Ferdinand

BRITISH REPULSED BY GERMANS ON THE SOMME

Berlin Admits Loss of Village To the French Attacks South of River; Italians Report Capture of Teutonic Prisoners On Carso

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

PARIS, November 9—Vienna reports fresh reverses for the Rumanian troops under the immediate command of King Ferdinand, who are battling with the Teutonic soldiers led by General von Falkenhayn in the Transylvanian mountain ranges.

According to the official statement issued by the Austrian general staff last night the Germans and Austrians have again beaten back the Rumanian offensive in the neighborhood of the Bodza Pass and have taken back all of the positions they held just before the arrival of the Rumanian reinforcements and the arrival of Russian reinforcements drove the Teutons out of their captured positions.

The Austrians now claim to hold all of their former positions on both sides of the pass, and to be making marked gains against the Rumanians, who are however reported to be struggling valiantly to hold back the Teutonic flood.

Farther north the Russians have been repulsed, and in the neighborhood of Saurum Pass have been compelled to yield to the counter attacks of the Teutonic generals. Northeast of Tulghes the Slavs have been more successful, according to the Vienna reports, and have gained some ground, but at a heavy cost to themselves.

North of the Somme the British have been again attacking the German positions in the vicinity of Le Sars and between that town and Guedencourt. Here, says the Berlin official account the attacks have broken down under the concentrated fire of the German field artillery and machine guns. To the south of the river however the French managed to drive home a successful attack against the little village of Pressire.

The Italian front for the most part has been comparatively quiet. The Gorizia sector has seen a little artillery fighting, but no infantry attacks of any moment. The Austrians have been active on the Carso plateau, but the counter attacks of the Italians have resulted in the capture of fifty prisoners and two machine guns in the Colbricon sector.

PRESIDENT COULD NOT WAIT FOR RETURNS

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

LONG BRANCH, November 9—Disparaging of any hope of knowing the final results of the election last night, President Wilson retired at half-past eleven.

His campaign managers continue to profess their confidence in the final outcome, but the President acknowledged last night that the outcome appears to him to be uncertain.

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